



Coquille Tribal Community Fund

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Coquille Tribal Community Fund awards \$207,000 to support regional services

North Bend, Ore. – The Coquille Tribal Community Fund today awarded \$207,000 in grants to 34 area non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Each year the Coquille Indian Tribe has set aside a portion of the gaming revenues from The Mill Casino to support projects in the Tribe's five-county service area. Since its inception in 2001, the Fund has distributed more than \$4.3 million to support charitable efforts throughout the region.

“Every year at this time the members of the Coquille Indian Tribe take great pride in being able to give back to the many communities that we call home,” said Coquille Tribal Council Chair Brenda Meade. “The needs are great throughout our region, and we are pleased that our Community Fund can provide some much needed assistance.”

Grants authorized by the Fund's Board of Trustees provided over \$125,000 to programs providing food and other assistance to individuals and families in need as well as programs targeted specifically to children.

“As has been true in most years, the requests for funding far outstripped our resources,” said Sheldon Chase, Board of Trustees chairman. “We were able to provide grants to a wide variety of programs, but the Trustees agreed that funding programs that serve the most vulnerable members of our communities would have our highest priority.”

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund supports non-profit and governmental organizations with projects in the areas of education, health, public safety, problem gaming, environmental issues, arts and culture and historic preservation. Funds are managed and distributed by a board of trustees comprised of community leaders, a gubernatorial appointee and representatives of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

The fund reflects the commitment of the Coquille Indian Tribe to take a proactive, positive role in the well-being of the community. The Tribe is among the largest employers in Coos County.

For organizations wishing to be considered for the next round of funding, the deadline for applications is Aug. 31. For more information, visit the Fund Web site at www.coquilletribalfund.org.

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The following organizations received grants this year.

- Alternative Youth Activities – \$2,000 to expand production aspects of the mushroom project.
- Bandon Historical Society Museum – \$2,000 for wall and floor displays.
- Chetco Historical Memorial Committee – \$5,000 for cement benches at the memorial.
- Coos Bay Seventh-Day Adventist Food Pantry – \$9,000 for food purchases.
- Coos County Friends of Public Health – \$5,000 for health service vouchers.
- Coos County STEP – \$10,000 for a hatchery alarm system.
- Coos Historical & Maritime Museum – \$35,000 for Maritime Museum and Plaza.
- Crossroads Community Café – \$5,000 for a pilot project involving nursing students.
- Dolphin Players – \$2,000 for theater infrastructure.
- Ecumenical Emergency Food Cupboard – \$6,000 for food purchases.
- Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc. – \$10,000 for structural improvements.
- First United Methodist Church – \$3,500 for Blossom Gulch Snack Pack program.
- Helping Hand of Myrtle Point – \$4,000 for emergency aid.
- LEAF – \$2,000 for the After School program.
- Maslow Project – \$5,800 for homeless youth services.
- ORCCA-Share Bear Snack Pack program – \$6,000 for food purchases.
- Over the Rainbow, Inc. – \$2,000 for horse feed for special needs kids program.
- Pacific School of Dance – \$1,700 for portable sound systems.
- Pearl Buck Center, Inc. – \$5,000 for nutritional meals for preschoolers.
- Point Man Ministries Outpost 101 – \$20,000 for veteran services.
- Port Orford Arts Council – \$2,000 for art supplies for elementary students.
- Powers Food Pantry – \$6,000 for food purchases.
- Powers High School – \$4,000 for school breakfast and lunch program.
- Project Blessing Food Bank – \$5,000 for food purchases.
- Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry – \$5,000 for food purchases.
- Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity – \$5,000 for a new truck for store.
- SBEC Senior Nutrition Program – \$10,000 for home meal delivery for seniors.
- Siuslaw Outreach Services – \$5,000 for emergency assistance vouchers.
- SMART – \$2,500 for one-on-one reading support.
- Southern Oregon Honor Flight – \$5,000 for an honor flight for 10 veterans.
- Southern Oregon Project Hope – \$5,000 for homeless aid.
- T.H.E. House – \$5,000 for transportation costs and kitchen upgrades.
- Women's Safety and Resource Center – \$3,000 for a Coddington Place advocate.
- Zonta Service Foundation – \$3,500 for school supplies.